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1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED: MIHAI ALIMANESTIANU, US CITIZEN AND FORMERLY EMPLOYED BY TAMS, US FIRM WORKING ON CONTRACT WITH TRANSGABON RAILROAD, CALLED AT EMBASSY AUGUST 3 IN HIS NEW CAPACITY AS CONSEILLER TECHNIQUE TO PRESIDENT BONGO WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ATTRACTING US COMPANIES TO GABON (SEE REFTEL).

2. SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION WHETHER ANY USG ASSISTANCE WAS POSSIBLE TO ENABLE MICHAEL LESLIE TEALE, DIRECTOR GENERAL FO CENTRE GABONAIS POUR LE COMMERCE EXTERIEUR (GABONESE DEPARTYNT FOR FOREIGN TRADE) TO VISIT US LATER THIS YEAR, EITHER UNDER OFFICIAL OR QUASI-OFFICIAL AUSPICES. TEALE'S PRIME INTEREST, ACCORDING TO ALIMANESTIANU, IS TO "MAKE GABON KNOWN" TO US COMPANIES AND POTENTIAL INVESTORS AND CONCURRENTLY TO PROMOTE GABONESE EXPORTS TO US. TEAL HAS IN MIND PERHAPS SERIES OF SEMINARS IN VARIOUS US CITIES, COUPLED WITH DISPLAYS OF GABONESE PRODUCTS, INCLUDING HANDICRAFT ITEMS.

3. TEALE HOPES FOR SOME FORM OF USG ASSISTANCE IN HOLDING SEMINARS DESCRIBED PARA TWO, BUT EMBASSY DOUBTS ANY SUCH PROGRAM
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EXISTS. THEREFORE, WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY GUIDANCE WHICH USDOC COULD OFFER, IF ONLY SOME SUGGESTIONS OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH ALIMANESTIANU COULD APPROACH ON TEALE'S BEHALF, SUCH AS CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE OR PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS WITH EXPERTISE IN ORGANIZING TRADE FAIR AND EXPOSITIONS ON SMALL SCALE.

4. IN SIMILAR VEIN, TEALE HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN COMMERCIAL

FAIR ENTITLED AFRICA 78 WHICH WAS SUBJECT OF COMMUNICATION FROM GABONESE EMBASSY WASHINGTON TO FOREIGN MINISTRY, COPY OF WHICH WAS GIVEN TO EMBASSY BY TEALE'S OFFICE. FAIR IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 1978 AT NEW YORK AND APPARENTLY WILL CONSIST OF DISPLAYS BY OAU AND UN WITH "SUPPORT FROM DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE." THIS FAIR MAY BE IDEAL FOR TEALE'S OBJECTIVES AND ABY SPECIFICS WHICH DEPARTMENT AND USDOC COULD PROVIDE TO EMBASSY FOR TEALE'S USE WOULD BE APPRECIATED.END UNCLASSIFIED.

5. BEGIN COMMENT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE: UNDERLYING REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE ON TEALE'S BEHALF IS HOPE FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM USG FOR SEMINARS THEMSELVES AS WELL AS FOR TRAVEL FUNDS FOR TEALE AND PERHAPS TWO AIDES, RATIONALE BEING THAT GABON'S PRESENT FINANCIAL SITUATION AND AUSTERITY PROGRAM PRECLUDE SUCH EXPEDITURES. WE AWARE NO FUNDS AVAILABLE, ALTHOUGH WE MAY EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF IV GRANT. IF WASHINGTON HAS OTHER SUGGESTIONS, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THEM. TEALE HAS BEEN DIRECTOR OF CENTRE FOR SOME TIME AND GIVES IMPRESSION OF BEING ENERGETIC AND ENTHUSED ABOUT HIS WORK. PROMOTING GABON'S EXPORTS TO US IS IS NOT OUR JOB,

OF COURSE, BUT EMBASSY BELIEVES HIS VISIT TO US COULD PROVE USEFUL TO US BUSINESS COMMUNITY INTERESTED IN TRADE WITH AND INVESTMENT IN GABON. END COMMENT AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. TIENKEN

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